

On page 16, line 20, at the beginning of the line, insert the words -- SEQ ID NO: 8/-. ✓

In the Claims:

b¹ 6. (Amended) A protein having the amino acid sequence shown in [Figure] SEQ ID NO: 2. ✓

Please cancel claims 7 and 23.

b² 22. (Amended) A purified human 4-IBB according to claim 21, comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of amino acids 24- 255 of SEQ ID NO:[1]2 and amino acids 24-186 of SEQ ID NO:[1]2. ✓

b³ 24. (Amended) A purified soluble human 4-IBB polypeptide, wherein said polypeptide comprises the extracellular domain of human 4-1BB (amino acids 24-186 of SEQ ID NO:[1]2)[or a fragment thereof capable of binding a 4-1BB-L]. ✓

25. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising [an effective amount of] a soluble human 4-IBB of claim 21 in admixture with a suitable diluent, carrier, or excipient. ✓

26. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising [an effective amount of] a soluble human 4-IBB of claim 24 in admixture with a suitable diluent, carrier, or excipient. ✓

REMARKS

The office action of has been reviewed and its contents carefully noted.

Reconsideration of this case, as amended, is requested. Claims 5-7 and 21-26 are currently pending, claims 6, 22 and 24-26 being amended and claims 7 and 23 being canceled by this response.